



MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana Educators

FROM: Susan Kertes, Coordinator, Office of School Leadership Development

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SUBJECT: *IPLA Today* video professional development series

The Indiana Department of Education is pleased to inform you that its Indiana Principal Leadership Academy online streaming video professional development series, *IPLA Today*, has released a new episode, *Culturally Responsive Instruction*.

For viewing, please visit www.doe.in.gov/ipla and click on the *IPLA Today* link.

Episode Information

Segment Title: *Culturally Responsive Instruction*

Segment Guest: Renae Azziz, Ed.S., NCSP
Educational Consultant and Professional Development Trainer,
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Program Description:

The gap between the academic success of majority and ethnically diverse students is well documented. Culturally Responsive Instruction (CRI) is widely acknowledged as a critical component in raising the achievement of diverse students. This episode will provide an overview of the characteristics of Culturally Responsive Instruction (CRI) and offer guidance to school leaders on action steps they can take to increase proficiency among staff and ensure implementation at the building level.

Segment Outcomes:

- Increase knowledge of Culturally Responsive Instruction and its purpose.
- Increase knowledge of the Developmental Continuum of Intercultural Competence.
- Increase knowledge of Culturally Responsive Instructional Strategies.

IPLA Curriculum Standard Covered:

- Culture Standard 3

The School Leader: Promotes a culture that honors and values diversity and supports the learning of all students.